Chief Secretary's Office, Adelaide, January 27th, 1891.

"HE following Returns of Births and Deaths registered in South Australia during the undermentioned period are published for general information.

J. C. Bray, Chief Secretary.

Return of Births and Deaths registered in South Australia in the Month of December, 1885-1890.

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Years	1385.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	Average of Five	1890.								Total			
* Population, Dec. 1	309,374	307,873	311,953	312,100	317,909	Years.					323	3,057					1	for 1890.
Births	872	779	780	726	746	781	744								10,364			
Rate per ce t	-281	.253	.250	•233	•235	_			,		• 2	30						
leaths—							All Ages.	Under l year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 20	20 and under 40.	40 and under 60.	60 and under 80.	80 and upwards.	Not stated.	Inquest	Uncerti- fied causes of Death.	
All causes	469	424	383	338	319	387	325	94	27	35	37	49	74	9	_	27	12	3,923
Rate per cent	.151	.137	.122	.108	.100	_	.101	_	_	_				_	_	_		
Diseases— 1. Specific Febrile or Zymotic . 11. Parasitic	121 1 6 54 23 202 21	103 4 12 49 33 171 25	80 2 15 60 32 151 16	66 3 12 48 31 136 15	74 1 4 46 30 128 19		52 1 7 47 20 161 18	28 5 4 5 36 2	7 - 2 - 16 2	14 - 4 - 10 5	2 1 1 13 - 18 2	1 1 13 - 28 4	 11 10 50 2	5 3 1				
causes	41	27	27	27	17		19	14		2	_	2	1		_			

^{*}The numbers represent the population of South Australia proper, and are exclusive of that of the Northern Territory (European and Chinese), which at last ensus was 4,521, and also the aborigines, which at last census was 6,346.

Causes of Deaths registered in the Month of December, 1890.

	Under One Year.	One Year and Above.		Under One Year.	One Year and Above.		Under One Year.	One Year and Above.
Ι.			Other constitutional diseases	1	2	Accidents of childbirth	_	2
Measles	-	-	V.			Diseases of locomotive sys-		
Scarlet fever	-	-	Premature birth,	4	_	tem	-	1
Relapsing fever	-	_	Cyanosis	_	_	Diseases of integumentary		,
Influenza	_	-	Congenital defects	1		system	-	-
Whooping-cough	8	1	Old age	_	15	VII.		
Diphtheria	1	14	VI.			(Accident.)		
Simple and ill-defined fever	-		Apoplexy	-	8	Fracture and contusion	-	5
Enteric fever	-	2	Epilepsy	_	_	Gunshot wound	-	-
Simple cholera		1	Convulsions	7	1	Cut, stab	-	-
Diarrhœa, dysentery	18	3	Other diseases of brain and	_		Burn and scald		1
Remittent fever	-	- 1	nervous system	7	12	Poison	-	2
Venereal affections	-		Diseases of organs of special			Drowning	-	6
Erysipelas	1		sense	1	-	Suffocation	1	
Pyæmia and septicæmia,	-	1	Diseases of circulatory sys-			Otherwise	1 -	-
Puerperal fever	-	2	tem	_	30	(Homicide.)		
ther zymotic diseases	-	-	Croup		3	Murder and manslaughter		-
11.			Bronchitis	9	12	(Suicide.)		
Thrush	-	-	Pneumonia	4	12	Gunshot wound		1
Worms and other parasitical		1	Pleurisy	-	-	Cut, stab		-
diseases	-	1	Other diseases of respiratory			Poison	-	
III.			system	1	4	Drowning	-	1
Privation—want of breast milk	5	-	Dentition	-	1	Hanging	-	-
Delirium Tremens	-	2	Quinsy, sore throat	_	-	Otherwise	-	
IV.	la constant		Enteritis,	5	5	VIII.		
Rheumatic fever and rheuma-			Peritonitis	-	3	Dropsy	-	-
tism of heart	-	1	Diseases of liver	1	5	Debility, atrophy, inanition	12	1
Rheumatism	-	-	Other diseases of digestive			Mortification	-	
Gout	-	2	system	-	13	Tumor	-	_
Cancer, malignant disease	-	13	Diseases of lymphatic sys-			Abscess	1	-
Tabes mesenterica	2		tems and of ductless glands	-	1	Hæmorrhage		
Cubercular meningitis	1	1	Diseases of urinary system	-	10	Sudden, cause unascertained		
hthisis	-	17	Diseases of generative sys-			Other ill-defined and not		
Scrofula tuberculosis	_	7	tem	1	2	specified causes	1	4

Return of Births and Deaths registered in City of Adelaide in the Month of December, 1885-90.

Years	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889.	Average of Five					18	390.						Total for
Population, Jan. 1st	43,969	45,333	42,904	43,527	43,750	Years.	44,581							1890.				
Births	90	86	108	92	65	88												
Rate per cent	.205	•190	-252	•211	•149	_					•1	73						
Deaths—							All Ages.	Under 1 year.	l and under 5.	5 and under 20.	20 and under 40.	40 and under 60.	60 and under 80.	80 and upwards.	Not stated.	Inquest cases.	Uncerti- fied causes of death.	
All causes	88	101	115	73	85	92	87	23	3	9	11	17	22	2	_	3	1	1,005
Rate per cent	•200	•223	•268	•168	·194		•195	-	_			_	_	_	_	_	_	
Diseases— 4. Specific Febrile or Zymotic 41. Parasitic 42. Constitutional v. Developmental vi. Local vii. Violence viii. Ill-defined and not specified causes	21 4 7 6 44 1	28 2 7 13 9 33 6	20 ————————————————————————————————————	7 1 5 11 12 31 2	14 1 2 23 11 27 4		8 1 3 17 8 44 3	5 - 3 - 9 - 3	3	3 - 2 - 2 2	$-\frac{1}{4}$ $-\frac{6}{6}$	8 9	 3 4 14 1					

Causes of Deaths registered in the Month of December, 1890.

	Under One Year.	One Year and Above.		Under One Year.	One Year and Above.		Under One Year.	One Year and Above.
I.								
Measles	-	- '	Scrofula tuberculosis Other constitutional diseases		4	Accidents of childbirth	_	1
Scarlet fever	_		Other constitutional diseases	_	1	Diseases of locomotive system Diseases of integumentary		1
Influenza	_		V.			system		
Whooping-cough	1		Premature birth	2	_	by storic		
Diphtheria		2	Cyanosis			VII. (Accident.)		
Simple and ill-defined fever			Congenital defects	1	_	Fracture and contusion		1
Enteric fever	_	1	Old age	-	5	Gunshot wound	_	_
Simple cholera	_	-				Cut, stab	_	-
Diarrhœa, dysentery Remittent fever	4	_	VI.		9	Burn and scald	-	-
Venereal affections	_	_	Apoplexy Epilepsy	_	3	Poison	-	1
Erysipelas	_		Convulsions	1		Drowning Suffocation	_	1
Pyæmia and septicæmia			Other diseases of brain and	•		Otherwise	_	
Puerperal fever	_	-	nervous system	2	5			
Other zymotic diseases	-	_	Diseases of organs of special			(Homicide.)		
11	1 2 4		sense	-		Murder and manslaughter	_	-
Thrush			Diseases of circulatory system		10	(Suicide.)		
Worms and other parasitical	-	-	Croup	2	_	Gunshot wound	-	_
diseases	_	1	Pneumonia	2	3	Cut, stab	-	-
			Pleurisy		-	Poison		-
111.			Other diseases of respiratory			Drowning	_	_
Privation—want of breast milk	3	_	system	1	_	Hanging Otherwise	_	
Alcoholism	-	_	Dentition	- 6	_			
IV.			Quinsy, sore throat	_	_	VIII.		
Bheumatic fever and rheuma-			Enteritis	1	3	Dropsy		-
tism of heart	-	_	Peritonitis	_	1	Debility, atrophy inanition	3	1 -
Rheumatism	_	_	Other diseases of digestive		2	Mortification	_	-
Gout	_	_	system		1	Tumor.	_	-
Cancer, malignant disease	-	5	Diseases of lymphatic sys-		1	Abscess	_	-
Tabes mesenterica	_	_	tems and of ductless glands	_		Hæmorrhage Sudden, cause unascertained	_	-
Tubercular meningitis	-	1	Diseases of urinary system	_	4	Other ill-defined and not	_	-
Phthisis	-	6	Diseases of generative system		1	specified causes	_	_

Return of Births and Deaths registered in each Ward of the City of Adelaide, exclusive of Deaths in Public Institutions, of persons not usually resident in the city, in the Month of December, 1890.

	Total.	Hindmarsh.	Gawler.	Grey.	Young.	Robe.	MacDonnell.
Area in acres	3,632	573	659	552	718	480	650
Estimated population January 1st	44,581	8,096	8,718	9,177	9,320	4,018	5,252
Persons to an acre	12.3	14.1	13.2	16.6	13.0	8.4	8.1
Births Male Female	77 44 33	9 5 4	9 4 5	23 12 11	20 11 9	5 3 2	11 9 2
Deaths	77 43 34	13 6 7	14 8 6	12 8 4	24 14 10	8 4 4	6 3 3
CLASSES. 1. Specific Febrile or Zymotic Diseases 11. Parasitic Diseases 11. Dietic Diseases 12. Constitutional Diseases 23. V. Developmental Diseases 24. I.ocal Diseases 25. VII. Violence 26. VIII. Ill-defined and not specified causes	8 1 3 14 7 38 3 3	1 1 1 2 2 5 —	3 1 7 3	3 — 1 — 8 —	$ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{3}{3} \\ \frac{3}{13} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{array} $	1 	2
Percentage of Deaths to population of each Ward	•173	•161	.161	•131	-258	•199	•114

Causes of Deaths registered in the Month of December, 1890.

	Under One Year.	One Year and Above.		Under One Year.	One Year and Above.		Under One Year.	One Year and Above,
I.			Phthisis	_	6	Accidents of childbirth		
Measles	_	_	Scrofula tuberculosis	_	3	Diseases of locomotive system	_	
Scarlet fever	_	_	Other constitutional diseases.		1	Diseases of integumentary		
Relapsing fever						system		
Influenza	_	_	V.		-	100.		
Whooping-cough	1		Premature birth	2	_			
Diphtheria	_	2	Cyanosis	_	_	VII.		
Simple and ill-defined fever	-	_	Congenital defects	1	_	(Accident.)		
Enteric fever	-	1	Old age		4	Fracture and contusion		1
Simple cholera	_	-				Gunshot wound	_	1
Diarrhœa, dysentery	4	_	VI.			Cut, stab	_	1
Remittent fever	-	_	Apoplexy	_	3	Burn and scald	_	
Venereal affections	_	-	Epilepsy		_	Poison		1
Erysipelas	-	_	Convulsions	1	_	Drowning	_	1
Pyæmia and septicæmia	_	_	Other diseases of brain and			Suffocation	_	
Puerperal fever	_		nervous system	2	3	Otherwise		
Other zymotic diseases	_	_	Diseases of organs of special			(Homicide.)		
			sense	_		Murder and manslaughter	_	
II.			Diseases of circulatory system	_	10	(Suicide.)		
Thrush	_	_	Croup	_		Gunshot wound	_	
Worms and other parasitical			Bronchitis	2	_	Cut, stab	_	_
diseases ,	-	1	Pneumonia	2	3	Poison		
			Pleurisy	_		Drowning		_
III.			Other diseases of respiratory			Hanging	_	_
Privation — Want of breast			system	1		Otherwise	_	
milk	3	_	Dentition	_				
Alcoholism	_		Quinsy, sore throat			VIII.		
			Enteritis	1	3	Dropsy	_	
IV.			Peritonitis		1	Debility, atrophy, inanition	3	
Rheumatic fever and theu-			Diseases of liver	_	2	Mortification		_
matism of heart	-	_	Other diseases of digestive			Tumor	_	
Rheumatism		_	system	_		Abscess		
Sout	_	_	Diseases of lymphatic systems			Hæmorrhage		
Cancer, malignant disease	_	3	and of ductless glands	_	_	Sudden, cause unascertained.	·	
Tabes mesenterica	_	_	Diseases of urinary system	_	3	Other ill-defined and not spe-		
Tubercular meningitis	_	1	Diseases of generative system	_	1	cified causes	_	

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DECEMBER, 1890.

The highest temperature in the shade at the Adelaide Observatory during the month was 95°6 on the 5th; and the lowest, 48°5, on the 8th. The mean temperature of the month was 69°.4.

The greatest range of the thermometer in one day, 35°·4, took place on the 20th, viz., from a maximum of 86°7 to a minimum of 51°·3; the lowest range, 15°·0, on the 22nd.

The mean height of the barometer was 29·853 inches; the maximum, 30·163 inches, occurred on the 8th; and the minimum, 29·388

inches, on the 28th.

Births and Deaths registered in the under-mentioned corporate towns in the Quarter ended December 31st, 1890.

Observatory, Adelaide, January 12th, 1891.

Registered during The Deaths registered in the Quarter include Deaths from-Quarter. Estimated Corporate Towns. Population Oct. 1st, 1890 Deaths. Whooping Cough. Enteric Fever. Diarrhea and Diseases of Respira-Diseases of Scarlet Fever. Diph-Births. Under Circula-Measles Phthisis. Fever. and Dysentery. theria One Year. tory System. Total. System. Adelaide 44,995 Hindmarsh 7,941 2,844 5,889 Semaphore 6,099 3,187 Glenelg Brighton Unley St. Peters 9,785 4,464 Norwood and Kensington 11,798 Gawler 2,119 2,675 2 3 Kapunda Burra 3,096 1,322 Jamestown 1,162 Port Augusta 1,539 Port Pirie 2,356 Kadina Moonta 1,656 Wallaroo 2,186 Goolwa Strathalbyn __ Mount Gambier 2,804

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